

## ***Targeted Site Investigation Program***

The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act that was signed in January 2002 provides funds to assess and clean up brownfields sites and to enhance state and tribal response programs. Under this grant, DTSC has been awarded funds since 2003/2004, of which approximately \$500,000-\$550,000 per fiscal year has been allocated to the TSI program.

Under the TSI program, DTSC uses a competitive application process to select brownfields sites to receive environmental investigative services at no cost to the applicant. DTSC also provides technical oversight to ensure that the TSI funds are used in an effective manner and helps facilitate the decision-making process. The TSI is intended to provide state and local governments, school districts, redevelopment agencies and nonprofit organizations an opportunity to gain more information about a site's condition, which can directly affect decisions on property acquisition and redevelopment.

The investigative services awarded under the TSI program vary based on the needs of the selected applications. Awarded services have ranged in value from \$5,000 to \$150,000. For more information on the TSI program, please contact its coordinator, Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, at [mtasnif@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:mtasnif@dtsc.ca.gov).

TSI schedule:

- August: TSI application deadline
- September: Decision notices for TSI applications will be issued.
- October: Site-specific activities will be initiated.
- April: Project completion is anticipated by the April after the grant award.

For information on how to develop a successful TSI application, please refer to the material presented at the July 2010 workshops titled "Keys to Securing Brownfields Funding: Learn How to Access Funding for Brownfields and Environmentally Impacted Properties in Your Community" at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields-materials/>.